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SUBJECT: NEXT STEPS ON NON-CIRCUMVENTION

REF: (A) STATE 69375, (B) STATE 61784

1. AS INSTRUCTED, WE WENT OVER PROPOSED SCENARIO AND TEXT OF INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT ON NON-CIRCUMVENTION AT FCO MARCH 20. WE WERE TOLD HMG WOULD TRY TO GIVE US ITS CONSIDERED REPLY BY THURSDAY, MARCH 23.
2. FCO SOURCE (CLAY) CONTINUED ON PERSONAL BASIS, NEVERTHELESS, THAT BRITISH POSITION WOULD PROBABLY REMAIN AS BEFORE, I.E., THAT FALLBACK SHOULD BE USED ONLY AS AN "END-GAME" MANEUVER WHEN ALL OTHER PIECES OF A SALT II AGREEMENT HAVE FALLEN INTO PLACE, AND NOT SIMPLY TO CLOSE OFF THE NON-CIRCUMVENTION/NON-TRANSFER ISSUE. (COMMENT: PARAS 2(B), 3 AND 5 OF REFTEL (A) COULD LEAD TO DIFFERING ALLIED INTERPRETATIONS ON THIS POINT.)

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3. CLAY ALSO SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE TO GAIN ALLIANCE AGREEMENT ON TEXT OF INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT AT NAC MEETING ON MAR 29, IF INDEED THIS WAS OUR OBJECTIVE. EVEN IF THIS IS NOT OUR INTENTION, BRITISH BELIEVE ALLIES WILL WISH FURTHER CONSULTATIONS ON ILLUSTRATIVE STATEMENT AT APPROPRIATE TIME, I.E., AFTER FALLBACK IS USED BY U.S., BUT BEFORE

ILLUSTRATIVE STATEMENT IS USED PUBLICLY.

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